

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration based on the above claim amendments and the following remarks. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, claims 15 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph because there is insufficient antecedent bases for the “said audio processing” in those claims. Applicant has herein amended claims 15 and 20 to remove the phrase “audio processing.”

In the Office Action, claims 14-17 and 19-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,035,352 to Alonso et al. (“Alonso”). Claims 18 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Alonso in view U.S. Patent No. 6,038,199 to Pawlowski. Applicant has herein amended claims 14, 15, 16, 19 and 20 and has canceled claims 17 and 21 without prejudice. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection as follows.

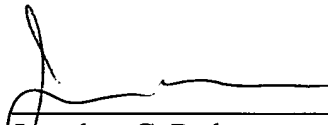
Applicant has herein amended independent claim 14 to specify that “the self-contained audio recorder includes record and playback circuitry for recording a signal on a magnetic recording medium.” Applicants submit that Alonso does not teach or suggest the use of magnetic recording medium. Instead, as pointed out in the Office Action, Alonso teaches a solid state memory device as a recording medium. *See* Office Action, page 4. Thus, Applicant submits that such a device is not a magnetic recording medium.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that independent claim 14 and dependent claims 15, 16 and 18 which depend therefrom are in condition for allowance. For analogous reasons to those cited above in connection with independent claim 14, Applicant submits that independent claims 19 and 20, and dependent claim 22 which depends from claim 20, are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for the pending claims in the present application. If the Examiner is of the opinion that the present application is in condition for disposition other than allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below in order that the Examiner's concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

Respectfully submitted,


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